

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, TW  
SUBJECT: TARIFF REDUCTION ON RAISINS AND REPUTED US-ROC TRADE  
NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 45410

1. EMBASSY RAISED MATTER OF TAIWAN'S REDUCING CUSTOMS  
DUTIES ON RAISINS WITH VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE L.T. HSU  
ON FEB. 28 AND LEFT WITH HIM LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR UNGER  
TO MINISTER OF FINANCE FEI WHICH SUMMARIZED CONTENTS OF  
REFTEL. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, VICE MINISTER HSU WAS  
TOLD THAT TAIWAN'S GLOBAL IMPORTS OF RAISINS IN BULK FOR  
FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF 1977 WERE SLIGHTLY MORE THAN ONE  
MILLION US DOLLARS (1976 GLOBAL IMPORTS OF \$722,000  
WERE DISCRETELY NOT MENTIONED) AND THAT INCIDENCE  
OF SPECIFIC RATES WOULD BECOME HEAVY IN LIGHT OF ANTICIPATED  
PRICE DECLINE TO PERHAPS 50 CENTS PER POUND.

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2. VICE MINISTER HSU, WHO SEEMED TO BE TOTALLY UNFAMILIAR  
WITH RAISINS, SAID THAT STRUCTURAL EFFECTS OF TARIFF  
REDUCTION WOULD HAVE TO BE STUDIED BEFORE ANY ROC  
POSITION COULD BE FORMULATED. HE THEN ASKED IF US  
REQUEST WAS BEGINNING OF TRADE AND TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS, TO  
WHICH EMBOFF REITERATED U.S. POSITION IN REFTL  
AND NOTED THAT EMBASSY EXPECTED TO MAKE PROPOSALS FOR

TARIFF AND TRADE CONCESSIONS SOMETIME IN MARCH. VICE  
MINISTER HSU ALSO SEEMD TO THINK THAT THERE WOULD BE  
EITHER A SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE VISITING TAIWAN  
IN MARCH OR A NEGOTIATING TEAM COMING OVER TO NEGOTIATE  
ON TARIFFS. EMBOFF SAID THAT HE HAD NO INFORMA-  
TION TO THE EFFECT. UNGER

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